

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1 1. **(AMENDED)** An electronic payment interface, comprising:
2 a plurality of payment types, each of the plurality of payment types is selectable using a
3 drop box; and
4 a single entry field that is operable to accommodate each of the plurality of payment types
5 to perform a financial transaction, the single entry field receives payment information
6 corresponding to a selected one of the plurality of payment types in a predetermined format, **the**
7 **single entry field further comprising:**
8 **two or more single entry field formats, wherein each format is associated**
9 **with a form of payment functionality;** and
10 a help and formatting information, displayed near the single entry field, that indicates a
11 proper format for entry of the payment information into the single entry field, **the help and**
12 **formatting information further comprising:**
13 **two or more single entry field guides, wherein each field guide is associated**
14 **with one of the forms of payment functionality.**

1 4. **(AMENDED)** The electronic payment interface of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a proceed [button] **control** that [is operable to continue] **continues** the financial
3 transaction; and
4 a cancel [button] **control** that [is operable to cancel] **cancels** the financial transaction.

1 5. **(AMENDED)** The electronic payment interface of claim 1, wherein the electronic
2 payment interface **[is accessed from]** comprises a merchant's point of sale system.

1 9. **(AMENDED)** An Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface,
2 comprising:

3 a plurality of payment types;

4 a single entry field that **[is operable to accommodate]** accommodates each of the plurality
5 of payment types to perform a financial transaction the single entry field further comprising:

6 two or more single entry field formats, wherein each format is associated
7 with a form of payment functionality; [and]

8 the single entry field receives payment information corresponding to at least one of the
9 plurality of payment types in a predetermined format; and

10 a formatting information system generating two or more single entry field guides,
11 wherein each field guide is associated with one of the forms of payment functionality.

1 11. **(AMENDED)** The Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface
2 of claim 10, further comprising at least one additional payment processor; and

3 wherein payment processing is distributed, at least in part, between the payment
4 processor and the at least one additional payment processor.

1 14. **(AMENDED)** The Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface
2 of claim 9, further comprising a remote server; and

3 wherein the remote server receives the payment information via the Internet.

1 16. **(AMENDED)** An electronic payment method, comprising:
2 selecting a payment type; **[and]**
3 **generating formatting information for a single entry field corresponding to the**
4 **payment type; and**
5 **[inputting] receiving** payment information corresponding to the selected payment type
6 **[into a] from the** single entry field **in accordance with the formatting information**
7 **[wherein the single entry field is operable to receive a plurality of payment types].**

1 18. **(AMENDED)** The method of claim 16, further comprising:
2 payment processing using a payment processor; and
3 wherein the payment processor **[being] is** communicatively coupled to the single entry
4 field.